

Road from Ulavur to Marangattupallil.

303. MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE (*Minachil cum Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they are aware that, at present, the distance from Ulavur to Pala, by vehicles is twenty miles;

(b) whether they are aware of the inconvenience the people are put to on account of the village road from Ulavur *via* Kurichittanam, which joins Marangattupallil, not being properly maintained by them; and

(c) whether they are aware that, if this road is completed, it will be very convenient for people to go to the Minachil Taluk Cutcherry, which is only $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles away from that place?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (a) It is reported that the distance from Ulavur to Pala in a vehicle is about 21 miles.

(b) The road referred to is a village road unfit for cart traffic and is maintained only as a village road for pedestrians.

(c) Yes.

Roads in the Minachil Taluk.

304. MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE (*Minachil cum Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that many of the public roads under their control in the Minachil taluk are not being properly maintained?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

Registration of Documents with less than Rs. 100 as consideration.

305. MR. K. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): Are the Government aware that the number of documents actually registered of which the consideration is less than Rs. 100 in each case and which are being registered in Book III is only one in every hundred executed?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Registration of documents in Book III is optional and as such the Government have no information as to the total number of such documents executed by the parties. The only information available is regarding the number of documents actually presented for registration.

Hill allowance to Officers at Muvattupuzha.

306. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*): (a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether any officers at Muvattupuzha other than the Kotamangalam Assistant Engineer residing at Muvattupuzha are allowed hill allowance?

(b) if the answer to part (a) is in the negative, what is the reason for allowing it in the case of a particular officer alone?

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Officers with headquarters at Muvattupuzha are not given hill allowance. The headquarters of the Assistant Engineer, Kotamangalam, are at Kotamangalam.

Hill allowance to Officers at Kotamangalam.

307. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kotamangalam is included in the area where hill allowance is allowed by the Government;

(b) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, whether hill allowance should not be allowed to the other officers and their staff also at Kotamangalam;

(c) whether there is any special reason for allowing hill allowance exclusively to the Kotamangalam Assistant Engineer who resides at Muvattupuzha and the clerks working in his office, without extending the same concession to all such officers; and

(d) if so, the reason for the same?

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*):

(a) The answer is in the negative.

(b) This does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Temporary Assistant Engineer, Kotamangalam and his staff get local allowance. This has been allowed as the executive work of this temporary Sub-Division^{an} mainly lies in hilly tracts.

Hill allowance to certain officers of the State.

308. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether any officer whose jurisdiction includes any area where hill allowance is allowed but whose office and permanent residence are at a place within his jurisdiction, where hill allowance is not allowed, is usually given permanent monthly hill allowance, instead of allowing for his journeys in the hill allowance area alone the increased rate of travelling allowance sanctioned in the case of hilly tracts; and

(b) if so, which officers and clerks of which offices are given such allowance?

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*):

(a) No such officer is usually given permanent monthly hill (local) allowance.

(b) The temporary Assistant Engineer and staff of the Pallivasal—Neriamangalam Road Construction Sub-Division located at Kotamangalam are given hill (local) allowance, as a special case.